

RESOLUTION

OF

THE LEGISLATURE OF OHIO,

IN FAVOR OF

*The construction of a railroad from lake Michigan to the Pacific ocean,
on the plan of Asa Whitney.*

APRIL 17, 1848.

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PREAMBLE AND RESOLUTION relative to Asa Whitney's plan for a railroad to the Pacific.

Whereas the construction of a railroad across the continent of North America would make the United States the greatest highway between Europe and the populous and wealthy empires of Asia—would greatly facilitate our intercourse with these regions—would consolidate the interests of our Union—would connect and bind Oregon and the Pacific coast to us, and would give a fresh impetus to our great agricultural, manufacturing, and commercial interests: and whereas this stupendous work can be accomplished by an appropriation and sale of the public lands, which constitute a fund applicable for defraying the expenses of the undertaking, as a small part of them would furnish the means, and the value of the remainder would be greatly enhanced thereby:

And whereas the plan of Mr. Asa Whitney, of New York, in its great outlines, is, in our opinion, the only practicable scheme for the accomplishment of this great undertaking, which should be commenced without delay: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Ohio, That we approve of Mr. Whitney's plan, as explained by himself to us, of constructing a railroad from lake Michigan to the Pacific ocean, from an appropriation and sale of the public land on its line, connecting the sale and settlement of the land with the building of the road, making it an individual enterprise, still under the control of Congress; and we earnestly recommend its adoption and the measure to the early and favorable consideration and action of Congress.

Be it resolved, That our Senators and Representatives in Congress be and they are hereby requested to give this measure their prompt attention and support.

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Be it resolved, That his excellency the governor be and he is hereby requested to transmit a copy of these resolutions to the Executives of each of the States in the Union, and a like copy to the Senators and members of the House of Representatives from this State in the Congress of the United States.

JOSEPH S. HAWKINS,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
CHARLES B. GODDARD,
Speaker of the Senate.

FEBRUARY 18, 1848.